

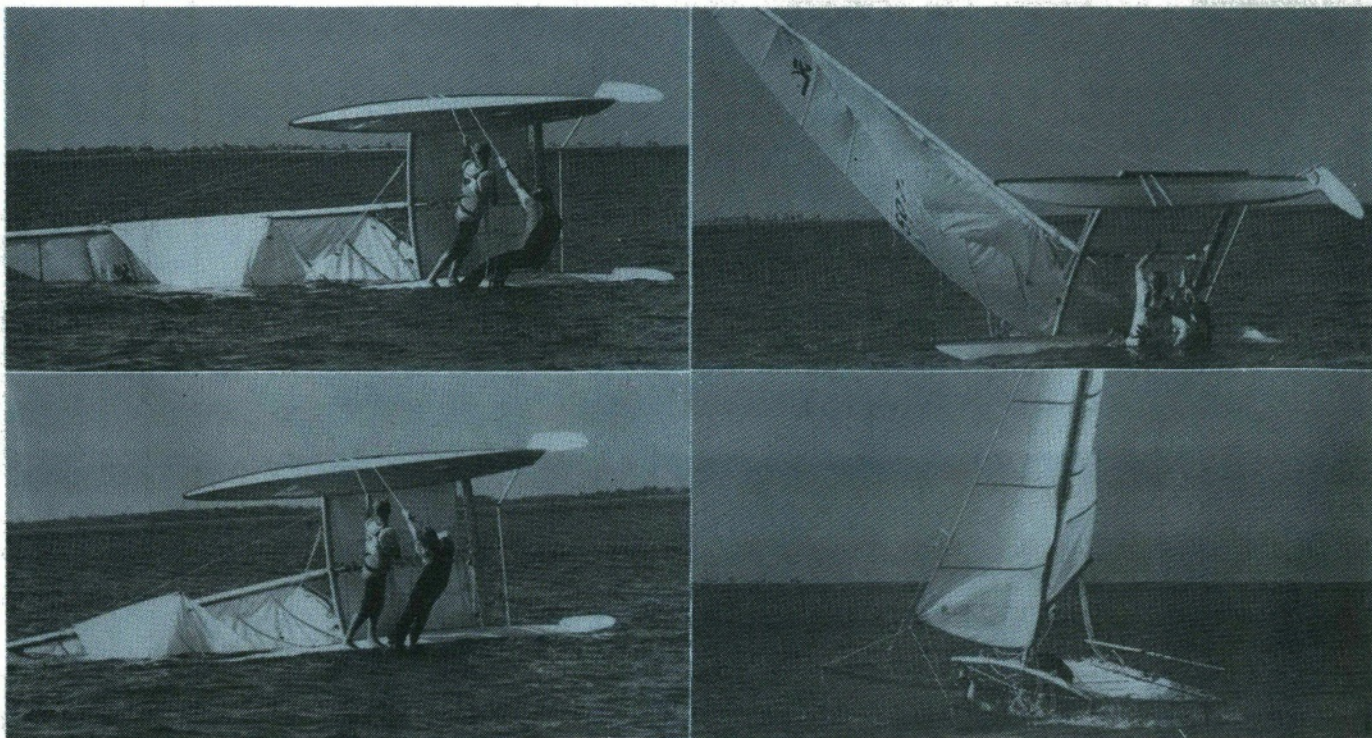
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Special Report: Hobie Midwinter Regattas



Cover Photo: top, a portion of the Western Midwinter Fleet and the encampment at the foot of the Catch 22 mile-long runway, Guaymas, Mexico. Bottom: Apollo Beach, Tampa Bay, the Hobie Fleet with the Holiday Inn Hotel in the background, site of the Eastern Midwinters.



Skipper and crew team up to right their capsized Hobie 16. They are shown using two righting lines, however, one is sufficient in circumstances such as this, with both men's weight applied to bring the

boat up. We are not sure of the cause of this capsize as the sea is obviously calm and no apparent wind is noticed. This is an excellent time to practice for that heavy weather day.

An In Depth Observation **The Hobie Public Image**

The 1972 Hobie Worlds Championship Hobie Regatta was history with the last boat crossing the finish line off of Diamond Head, Honolulu, Hawaii. However, to quote one of the original Hobie skippers, Wayne Schafer, "This is really only the beginning." Wayne's foresight is as good as his seamanship. The Hobie has arrived and has brought the catamaran concept to the inner circle of yachting. The crucible of tradition bound corinthians harboring deep draft displacement versus planing hull theories have been partially opened by the advent of Buccaneer and Windward Passage in the larger boat fleets and the International 14, and a number of subsequently planing hull dinghies in the smaller one design fleets.

The publicity of the Worlds event for news sake is past. What is appearing in the mail daily from publications around the country and overseas is a broadside of feature stories, led off by Sailboat Week well written story and pictures by Paul Powers and now full color magazine articles are ready to break on the colorful fast Hobie Cat and its impact on the yachting scene. All say the same thing: there is another way to go. "On the water", not in it. Go faster than the wind; man has strived for years to break this barrier. The Hobie Cat does it naturally. No rudder wiggling or weight shifting as in a planing monohull dinghy to "get it up" on the water. The Hobie is already there, offering only minimum hull resistance with any amount of wind. We in the Hobie gang have known this all along. The rest are just now finding it out. Maybe it took the Worlds Championship to bring it out.

One instant example of the coming of age of the catamaran concept was the inclusion of all catamaran classes into the Hawaiian Yacht Racing Associations first regatta of the 1973 season, one week after the Worlds. Unfortunately, the Trades were gusting to 30 knots with small craft warnings flying and class boats could not compete, but this was a break in the general attitude as a direct result of the tremendous barrage of The Worlds Championship publicity.

How can we as Hobie skippers keep this wonderful momentum moving towards a full acceptance of the catamaran in general and the Hobie Cat in particular into the total yachting community? By improving our public image. Due to the wreckless or careless boat handling on the part of a few hot doggers or inexperienced skippers. The total Hobie image has a lot to be desired. It now becomes necessary for all Hobie skippers to go out of their way, to overcome the poor image created by the one bad apple in the barrel.

A Hobie Cat is a lethal weapon if improperly handled, especially in close quarters, narrow channels, near swimmers, yacht anchorages and vessels underway. A Hobie rudder at 10 to 15 knots can severely injure a swimmer. A Hobie bow is like a battering ram and can penetrate almost any wood or fiberglass hull at that same speed, unfortunately at the water line. It's easy to see why more and more Harbor Departments are issuing citations to wreckless and speeding Hobies.

Let's all endeavor to go beyond the rules of the road in congested waterways and give way to approaching power boats who have a difficult time maneuvering in tight quarters to larger sailboats even though we are holding the right of way. If you do have a decisive slant and cross their bows, give a wave or a shout as a thank you. Show a positive course when approaching another vessel head on; don't make him guess what your course is going to be. Hobie fleets should try to educate new boat owners in the art of maneuvering their boats in crowded areas. Everyone should chastize the wreckless skipper; he's spoiling it for everyone.

In open water have a ball, fly a hull or sail on screaming reach and no one will suffer for any mistakes in judgment or excessive speed. But in congested areas use common sense and common courtesy. Let's make the 1973 season a real carefree fun Hobie year for "everyone" in the yachting fraternity and watch the Hobie public image grow.

Bob Johnson, **Editor**



The Denis Wilcox style of Hobie Catting crossing the finish line first at the Apollo Beach Midwinter Regatta. Denis forces the leeward hull



under but maintains control with a hand-held main sheet.

Denis Wilcox Champions Corner

Denis Wilcox has sailed something since he was 12 years of age. His family lived in Newport Harbor, on Lido Isle in California where he became familiar with sailing on dinghies that his family owned. His first boat was an 8' Dinkkitten. He entered a few races at that age and did well on heavy weather days.

Denis first sailed a Hobie 14 after the 1971 Miami, Florida Boat Show and has been hooked on Hobies ever since. He has restricted his racing to 14s since he weighed in at 155 lbs.

Denis feels his best point of sailing is going to weather and reaching. He feels the most important points of boat tuning are: mast rake, shroud tension, batten tension and shape and rudder alignment and smoothness.


Denis and his family live on a lake in central Florida. When he's not running his tropical fish business he likes to get out on the water and practice sailing in shifting air, which he believes is helpful in trying to understand similar conditions during races. He also makes trips to the gulf and the Atlantic coast as often as possible to get the feel of choppy water. Denis was a contestant to the 1972 Worlds Championship in Honolulu, having qualified by placing fifth in the 1972 Hobie 14 Nationals at Surfside, Texas, and he enjoyed the heavy seas off of Waikiki experienced during the Worlds. Denis performed well during the 1972 World's Championships being the first mainland skipper outside of California to place, finishing 7th, with a 2nd, two fourths, a sixth, two sevenths, two elevenths, a fifteenth and a seventeenth. Denis had a good rooting section during the 1972 World's Championship having been accompanied to the Worlds by his wife and two daughters.

Denis makes all of the adjustments necessary and then when the boat is 100% tuned, he feels that the rest is up to him to sail a perfect race. A good start, clean air, watchboat trim, cover your opponents, sail as much as you can with your best competition, learn from your opponents, know what they know and add that to what you know, and don't repeat your mistakes.

Denis admits that occasionally a course lay-out bothers him, especially in strange water. If there is not sufficient time to get out and take some shore bearings on course buoys before the race, he will try to imprint the general lay of the course on his mind during the first race while trying to place as high as possible.

If Denis is as precise and meticulous with his wholesale tropical fish business as he is with the trim and tuning detail of a Hobie Cat, he

Editor's Mailing Survey

Did you receive your issue of the March Hot Line? Due to mechanical problems with our mailing equipment, we find that some of our skippers have missed receiving certain issues of the Hot Line. If you did not receive the special Worlds Edition of the March Hot Line, please let us know and we will be glad to forward a copy to you or if in the past you haven't been receiving the Hot Line regularly, we would appreciate hearing from you. We are out of back issues, but will try to improve our mailing system to prevent this from happening in the future .

Corrections for the March Hot Line


World's Special Editions Corrections
(Center fold left hand page)

Captions should have read:


No. 1 An interesting sail patch on a Hobie 16 loaded with world spectators. No. 2. Erwin Vogel, a Switzerland Lake skipper 49 years old. No. 3. Richard Loufek and Hobie Alter. No. 4. Two Japanese team members and Hobie. No. 5. Derek Kershaw, South Africa resting between races. No. 6. Yaso Sato, Japan. No. 7. Hobie Alter and Fred Hemmings of Hawaii, Champion surfer. No. 8. Norm Fitzgerald of Australia. No. 9. Peter Vonderhorst, Switzerland. No. 10. Rich Naish, Hawaii and friend and camera boat skipper solo. No. 11. Claudio Kunze, Brazil. No. 12. Ralph Prince, South Africa. No. 13. Mox Lippstreu, South Africa. No. 14. Ken Frances, the oldest contestant at 58 from New Guinea. No. 15. Hobie and son Jeff Alter and Roberto Bouret of Puerto Rico. No. 16. Paulo Augusto, Brazil. No. 17. Phillip Dripps, Guam.

(Right Hand Page Of The Centerfold)

No. 14 Kaimana Beach Hotel. No. 15. Wrong way Corrigan telling it really like it happened.

And of course we apologize for the inconvenience, and the oversight of the production department in not having the 24 pages numbered. With the smaller Hot Line this was never a problem, we were not really prepared for the uptown enlarged format .

certainly should be a success in this interesting business. Recently tropical fish have become a more popular pet hobby than Fido, who has held the limelight since the beginning of time.

We should watch Denis in future National and International Hobie 14 competition. He has the makings of a champion and has started this season with a 1st place at the recent Florida Midwinters at Apollo Beach, Florida. .



Hobie Cat Fleet 54 of Joppatowne, Md., carried off a very successful off-season sailing seminar. Instructors for the Joppa Sailing Association were John Flanigan, Reverend Robert Ball and Pat Moore. The instruction covered two Saturday morning and afternoon sessions on two consecutive weekends and consisted of: Basic Sailing, How to Race, Racing Rules and Rules of the Road. A registration fee of \$1.00 per person covered coffee breaks, lunches and graduation party at the Moore residence. Practical training took place in the rain with the use of

a Hobie 16. Upper left, trapeze demonstration (note license plate) with Moore as "crew"; upper right, Rev. Bob Ball lecturing; lower left, Bob and John Flanigan giving a visual demonstration with Martin Hoover, new Hobie 16 owner, looking on; John Flanigan and his nautical "class." Congratulations Fleet 54 on a constructive off-season educational program, an excellent example of a worthwhile fleet program and well reported.

MIDWINTERS EAST—Apollo Beach, Florida—March 3 & 4, 1973

One hundred forty-six Hobie 14s and 16s made the early spring migration south to the sun out of the snow from New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Vermont, New Hampshire, Virginia and points north. They found what they came for: beautiful warm Florida spring weather, enough wind to make a Hobie go and an enjoyable time.

Apollo Beach has gained a lot of popularity with the Hobie fleet nation-wide having been the site of the 1971 Hobie Cat 14 Championships and a number of area and regional qualifying regattas. The location is well liked for its support facilities; the Apollo Beach Holiday Inn is the focal point for all activities and offers a beach side convenience to Hobie skippers that is not easy to find. Vans, campers and motor home parking is permitted on the adjacent vacant lots for skippers that bring their own accommodations. A large dining room and quaint bar serves the food and drink needs perfectly.


Two races Saturday were held in light air typical of this area at this time of year. Competition was keen in both classes with veteran 14 sailor Denis Wilcox turning in an outstanding performance taking two firsts. Saturday evening there was a cocktail hour and excellent southern bar-b-que ribs and fried chicken with all the trimmings. After a satisfying dinner

some surfing, sailing and skiing movies were shown. Included was some film of a Hobie Cat 16 surfing at Sunset Beach, Hawaii and unedited movies of the recent Hobie Cat 14 World Championship Regatta. Unlike most regattas, the conversation and excitement around the pool did not die down until midnight.

Sunday's two races were held in a ten to fifteen knot breeze that gave some single trapeze work for 16 crews and some gut muscle exercise for the 14 skippers.

The spectators came from far and near for this colorful event, the beach was full both days of people taking in all of this lively action, bikinis and excitement.

The awards took place on the beach after the race with a lovely French miss nicknamed "Poo" giving a big kiss to all the contestants (male that is).

Apollo Beach is an ideal place for a regatta. The weather is always right, wind light and easy and accommodations are right on the beach. The boat-at-your-door convenience is hard to beat as is Apollo Beach, Tampa Bay, Florida. Sponsor of the Hobie Midwinter East are: Coast Catamaran, Tampa Sailing Squadron and Adventure Yachts of Tampa 

Midwinters East

HOBIE CAT 16

A FLEET						
POS- ITION	NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	4 TOTAL POINTS
1.	Pat Rafter John Rafter West Palm Beach	715	5	4	2	4 15
2.	Jim McCann Paul Theiss Orlando, FL	2222	9	2	3/4	5 16 3/4
3.	Chris Christensen Pauline Ft. Lauderdale, FL	37	4	6	8	12 30
4.	Ren Tilton Patty Tilton Jensen Beach, FL	1499	7	3/4	3	22 32 3/4
5.	Jeff Radkins Nancy Rogan Ft. Myers, FL	4792	10	3	13	10 36
6.	Tom Blake Leesburg, FL	641	21	11	4	6 42
7.	Russell C. Tardiff Luana Tardiff Clearwater, FL	2081	12	7	9	14 42
8.	John Steverding Louise Simmons Miami, FL	1092	3	5	29	11 48
9.	Bill Brett Betty Brett Austis, FL	4990	14	13	5	21 53
10.	Greg Presnell Tom Cardwell/ Bill Wilhelm Orlando, FL	192	15	19	6	17 57
11.	Pap Parise Dave Laimond Ft. Lauderdale, FL	2463	19	12	24	7 62
12.	Craig L. Tandon Dave Gamlin Tampa, FL	4905	8	22	19	13 62
13.	Mike Robertson Kenny Robertson St. Petersburg, FL	1973	2	DSQ-B	16 3/4	62 3/4
14.	Bud Baringer Stewart Springer Gainesville, FL	2630	17	17	11	19 64
15.	John Rousmaniere Jody Rousmaniere New York City, NY	28	20	14	2	64
16.	Tom Wickenhauser Carol Beck Ft. Lauderdale, FL	2676	3/4	24	28	16 68 3/4
17.	Paul Middleton Marcia Middleton Richmond, VA	253	6	10	31	23 70
18.	Ted W. Hellmuth Tim Boyd Orange Park, FL	4658	23	8	12	32 75
19.	Howard Whittington Martha Wilhelm Largo, FL	179	16	15	23	25 79
20.	Burke Marks Erika Marks Farmington, MI	1032	24	29	25	8 86
21.	Robert Cocanougher John Cocanougher Tallahassee, FL	4774	DSQ	30	7	9 86
22.	Ralph Chambers Dennis Rube Ft. Lauderdale, FL	51151	13	DSQ	18	15 87
23.	Doug Vootie Hal Parott Pensacola Beach, FL	4803	26	14	32	18 90
24.	Jerzy Dennis Gary Dennis Decatur, GA	1304	11	18	20	42 91
25.	John B. Duke Hud Dunlap Orlando, FL	2245	33	16	27	20 96
26.	Jeffery Lista Gail Lista St. Petersburg, FL	1805	DSQ	9	22	29 100
27.	Richard A. Kimbrough Martha Cushman St. Petersburg, FL	3413	18	26	30	27 101
28.	Ken Parker Phyllis Parker Lawrenceville, GA	1707	30	23	10	42 105
29.	Ray E. Markham Gulfport, FL	4406	32	27	21	30 110
30.	Barbara Britton Joe Thiville Joe Thiville, Jr. Orlando, FL	627	25	28	DSQ	24 118
31.	Loyd Kiernan June Kiernan Tavares, FL	143	22	34	17	42 115
32.	Tom Smith Jeff Albritton West Palm Beach, FL	3782	DSQ-A	31	15	31 119
33.	Rodger Hennon P. Pleasant Beach, NJ	2978	20	32	26	42 120
34.	Jim Bateman Brian Buzzell Key West, FL	1619	27	35	34	28 124
35.	David C. Hyde Mary E. Hyde Indianapolis, IN	2883	35	36	36	27 133
36.	Randy Besley Linda Webb Mia Lakes, FL	2264	29	25	38	42 134
37.	Joe Visconti Robert McCarl Leesburg, FL	2181	36	38	35	33 142
38.	V. West Chuck Townsend New York, New York	37	37	33	42	149
39.	Monroe N. Benaim David Ross Miami, FL	4775	34	33	42	42 151
40.	Danny Harden Doug Jones St. Petersburg, FL	3665	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 165
41.	Ken Dickson Kathy Hanlen St. Petersburg, FL	1015	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 166

B FLEET						
POS- ITION	NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	4 TOTAL POINTS
1.	G. R. Kuchner Kay Kuchner Merritt Island, FL	3771	3/4	3/4	2	2 5 1/2
2.	Austen Freye S. Mareman Muskegon, MI	2523	4	7	3	11 25
3.	George Gates Sean Bolender Ft. Lauderdale, FL	4606	10	4	10	7 31
4.	John P. Kenney Tom Ewing Corona del Mar, CA	3590	3	11	17	3/4 31 3/4
5.	Bryan Cox Bubba Ball Jacksonville, FL	2618	2	2	14	18 36
6.	Judy Whitehurst Pensacola, FL	4883	13	10	5	9 37
7.	Eric S. Horton Lorna Horton Orlando, FL	1387	5	9	9	14 36
8.	George Allen Skip Allen Roswell, GA	5560	12	23	4	8 47
9.	Bob Myers Bettie Myers St. Petersburg, FL	1826	34	3	12	5 54
10.	Mark Garner Wade H. Garner Ft. Myers, FL	102	DSQ-C	6	6	6 55
11.	Ron Tucker Steve Fango Tampa, FL	2093	18	5	18	22 63
12.	Gary Nilsen Steve Nelson Sarasota, FL	1383	DSQ	16	8	3 66
13.	Steve Christiansen Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1048	6	20	11	30 67
14.	Mike Loose E. Hackett Melbourne, FL	4599	11	25	20	12 68
15.	G. E. Ellis Pat Ellis St. Petersburg, FL	4703	15	28	13	13 69
16.	Bill Reed Greg Huskin Tampa, FL	2083	DSQ-C	14	15	4 70
17.	Gordon Renovitch Pat Renovitch Tallahassee, FL	190	23	24	7	17 71
18.	Dick Stephens Dorsey Stuart Tallahassee, FL	654	17	18	21	19 75
19.	Bill Gregg Ada Mijares Dunedin, FL	4840	14	15	25	26 80
20.	Newton Morgan Tommy Hawkes Atlantic Beach, FL	4692	19	33	19	16 87
21.	Ross L. Beemer Mark Mulrain Jacksonville, FL	4679	22	12	34	20 88
22.	Steve Smith Ben Smith Tallahassee, FL	2212	26	21	28	15 90
23.	Kevin Bolander Drew Connolly Ft. Lauderdale, FL	37X	20	22	27	23 92
24.	Wayne Schofield Vicky Schofield Ft. Lauderdale, FL	3832	30	30	23	10 93
25.	Craig Fairbairn Sheara Fairbairn Atlantic Beach, FL	1411	7	38	22	27 94
26.	David R. Yost Ellen Yost Lakeland, FL	3231	33	37	3/4	31 101 3/4
27.	Stan Sunderland Nancy Sunderland Buford, GA	3908	28	19	26	29 102
28.	Rick Lawrence St. Petersburg, FL	1579	9	13	DSQ	DSQ 102
29.	Cliff Gibbons Dave Dematt Tampa, FL	170	8	17	DSQ	DSQ 105
30.	Charles C. Hoehner Dan C. O'Leary Jacksonville, FL	2784	21	29	29	28 107
31.	Hart Baker Vart Baker II Orlando, FL	258	31	27	24	DSQ 115
32.	C. M. Dixon, Jr. W. D. Drinkard Decatur, GA	1567	27	35	33	24 119
33.	David Rafter Betty Rafter West Palm Beach, FL	4568	25	32	31	32 120
34.	Tom Partridge Mary Partridge Merritt Island, FL	2094	16	26	DSQ	DSQ 122
35.	Chip Whitcomb Allan Hunt Henniker, NH	3873	24	36	32	25 123
36.	John Garth Buck Younger Tampa, FL	5074	DSQ-C	8	DSQ	DSQ 125
37.	Michael A. Lemke Bill Nelson Lauderdale Lakes, FL	4712	DSQ	34	30	DSQ 139
38.	Rob Mitchell Mike Hawkins Orlando, FL	3248	29	31	DSQ	DSQ 140
39.	Stuart James Linda Pitts New York City, NY	32	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 151

HOBIE CAT 14

POS- ITION	NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	4 TOTAL POINTS
1.	Denix Wilcox Lakeland, FL	385	3/4	3/4	4	6 1/4
2.	Steve Shafer Eustis, FL	4847	5	6	6	3/4 17 3/4
3.	Dave Rodgers, Jr. Cocoa Beach, FL	35	6	4	4	13 27

4.	Barry S. Olton Merritt Island, FL	267	2	3	5	18 28
5.	Bill Schroeder Ft. Myers, FL	5399	3	9	7	11 30
6.	Dave Wentworth Merritt Island, FL	3816	4	2	15	14 35
7.	Jack Woehrlie Sugarloaf Key, FL	86	12	12	3	15 42
8.	Donald R. Crowe Coral Gables, FL	4188	7	8	10	17 42
9.	James B. Simmonds Miami, FL	5496	19	16	8	3 46
10.	Nick Miller S. Redington Beach, FL	6018	24	14	2	8 48
11.	Chuck Cairnes Indianapolis, FL	8829	9	17	13	10 49
12.	Seminole, FL	2808	26	25	2	2 55
13.	Ritchie Riddle Thonotosassa, FL	3650	11	22	14	12 59
14.	Howard Elwell S. P. Beach, FL	1801	10	5	21	23 59
15.	Jim LeCain Orlando, FL	5293	27	7	24	9 67
16.	Bill Wright Tampa, FL	8730	21	23	17	7 68
17.	Chet Smith Naples, FL	5251	28	21	16	5 70
18.	Jon Edd Collinsville, IL	4550	8	10	18	DSQ 71
19.	Marilyn Swan Cocoa Beach, FL	3848	18	13	23	26 80
20.	Gaulden Reed Daytona Beach, FL	829	17	19	25	24 85
21.	Norman Benzing Orlando, FL 32801	7977	14	28	9	DSQ 86
22.	Jack Sammons Lake Park, FL	5988	15	29	20	22 86
23.	John Hamilton St. Petersburg, FL	8437	20	30	11	25 86
24.	Treasure Island, FL	792	22	15	19	DSQ 91
25.	Mac Crowell Jupiter, FL	10166	25	24	26	19 94
26.	Harrison H. Noble Largo, FL	10168	16	11	DSQ	DSQ 97
27.	Whitie Alter Capistrano Beach, CA	7827	23	32	22	21 98
28.	Lloyd Molby Sarasota, FL	5978	30	26	27	16 99
29.	Robert M. Rutkin Sarasota, FL	5194	31	20	28	20 99
30.	George Browning, III Sarasota, FL	576	29	31	29	DSQ 124
31.	Walsh Limer Hialeah, FL	4774	DSQ	27	30	DSQ 127
32.	George W. Ewell Bellair Beach, FL	3605	32	34	DSQ	DSQ 136
33.	Bill Conlin Turnerville, NJ	1130	33	33	DSQ	DSQ 136
34.	Mark E. Swanson Boca Raton, FL	8301	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 140
35.	Paul D. Hanson Clear Lake, ID					

B FLEET

1.	Bill Epler Jupiter, FL	2825	5	4	3/4	3/4 10 1/2
2.	Bill Howard Ft. Myers, FL	8717	2	3/4	3	5 10 3/4
3.	Greg Hagen Ft. Myers, FL	1146	4	6	2	3 15
4.	D. Gregory Murphy Eustis, FL	7981	3/4	5	8	2 15 3/4
5.	Marshall Whitehurst Pensacola, FL	8037	3	3	4	16 26
6.	Michael A. Dupael Pensacola, FL	8598	6	2	7	12 27
7.	Charles P. Arnold Gainesville, FL	8510	14	10	9	4 37
8.	Charlie Pankow Cape Coral, FL	5969	10	8	13	7 38
9.	John McDade Tampa, FL	5654	15	12	5	8 40
10.	Larry Gray Key West, FL	8711	7	14	6	17 44
11.	Peter Flick Jacksonville, FL	7319	8	15	18	6 47
12.	Bruce R. Seifers Cleveland, OH	4819	12	17	12	9 50
13.	David Moore Sarasota, FL	4478	22	9	11	10 52
14.	Charlene E. Prevatt, Jr. Temple Terrace, FL	8351	13	7	DSQ	DSQ 56
15.	John Bowman Pensacola, FL	4559	19	11	16	11 57
16.	Roth D. Neller, M. D. Clearwater Beach, FL	215	21	13	10	15 59
17.	Albert W. Murrenault St. Petersburg, FL	3080	9	18	14	18 59
18.	Jim Leonard Holmes Beach, FL	5046	11	20	17	14 62
19.	Bill Burton Stuart, FL	8782	16	16	DSQ	DSQ 68
20.	Casey Ebsary Tampa, FL	5879	24	21	15	13 73
21.	Bob Gilman Tampa, FL	1072	17	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 84
22.	Maurice Goldsmith Tarpon Springs, FL	8084	18	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 85
23.	H. W. Covington Tampa, FL	3208	DSQ	19	DSQ	DSQ 86
24.	Bob Minthorn Brandon, FL	5788	20	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 87
25.	Bud Carrigan Daytona Beach, FL	8303	23	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 90
26.	Oris Maxwell Tampa, FL	6439	25	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 92
27.	Lee Elwell N. Palm Beach, FL	7296	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 98
28.	George Stoltz Merritt Island, FL	267X	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 98
29.	Tom Edwards Mia Lakes, FL	3843	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 98
30.	Rich Park Bradenton, FL	4340	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 98
31.	T. H. Meekins Tampa, FL	8917	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ 98

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April, May, June Regatta Schedule

APRIL

Date	Event	Division -Location	Sponsor
1	Fleet 15 Series I	2 Oxnard California	Fleet 15 Dave Churchill 805/252-6841
1	April Fools Gulfstream Sailing Club Cruising Skipper's Comedy	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888
1	Weekender Race	8 Miami Florida	Fleet 36 John Hogg 305/233-7042
1	Spring Series	8 Jacksonville Florida	Fleet 59 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086
1	April Fool's Frolic	6 Meadowmere Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
7-8	Capistrano Beach Regatta	2 Capistrano Beach California	Capistrano Beach Chamber of Commerce Keith Fuller 714/493-4586
7-8	Lake O' The Pines Regatta	6 Lake O' The Pines Texas	Fleet 23 & 46 Ben Miller (46) 318/322-3785 W. A. Chiles (23) 214/339-2320
8	Spring Series #3	2 San Diego California	Fleet 4 Richard Jeffries 714/582-9146
8	Distance Challenge	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888
8-10	Second Annual Florida	8 Islamorada Florida	G & M Sailboats Steve Gibbs 305/664-2321
14	Day Sail	6 Grapevine Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
14-15	Elephant Butte Regatta	5 Lions Beach New Mexico	Fleet 48 Leroy Wilson 505/255-2478
14-15	Sunburn Regatta	8 Biscayne Bay Florida	Biscayne Bay Yacht Club John Hogg 305/233-7042
20-27	Kino Bay Regatta	5 Kino Bay Mexico	Fleet 48 Leroy Wilson 505/255-2478
21	Day Sail	6 Lake Lewisville Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
21	Easter Fleet Regatta	8 St. Petersburg Florida	Fleet 5 Harrison Noble 813/581-2260
22	Spring Series	8 Jacksonville Florida	Fleet 59 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086
28	Point Venture Regatta	6 Point Venture Texas	Ed Laster 214/423-1436
28	Day Sail	6 Lake Benbrook Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
28	April Chiller	9 Savannah Georgia	Baker Yachts John Baker 912/236-5741 912/355-1475
28-29	Tenth Annual London Bridge Regatta (Lake Havasu Regatta)	2 Lake Havasu Arizona	Lake Havasu Yacht Club and McCulloch Properties, Inc. Keith Fuller 714/493-4586
28-29	Holiday in Dixie Regatta	6 Shreveport Louisiana	Shreveport Yacht Club 318/631-7414

Date	Event	Division -Location	Sponsor
28-29	Fleet 54 Open Spring Series	11 Gunpowder State Park Maryland	Fleet 54 John L. Flanigan 301/821-5217
29	Point Venture Race Open Regatta	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 64 and Austin Yacht Club Larry Smith 512/266-1336
29	MSA Spring Series	6 Galveston Bay California	MSA John Gonnerman 713/526-0545
29	Weekender Race	8 Miami Florida	Fleet 36 John Hogg 305/233-7042
29	Ocean Race	8 Jacksonville Florida	Fleet 59 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086

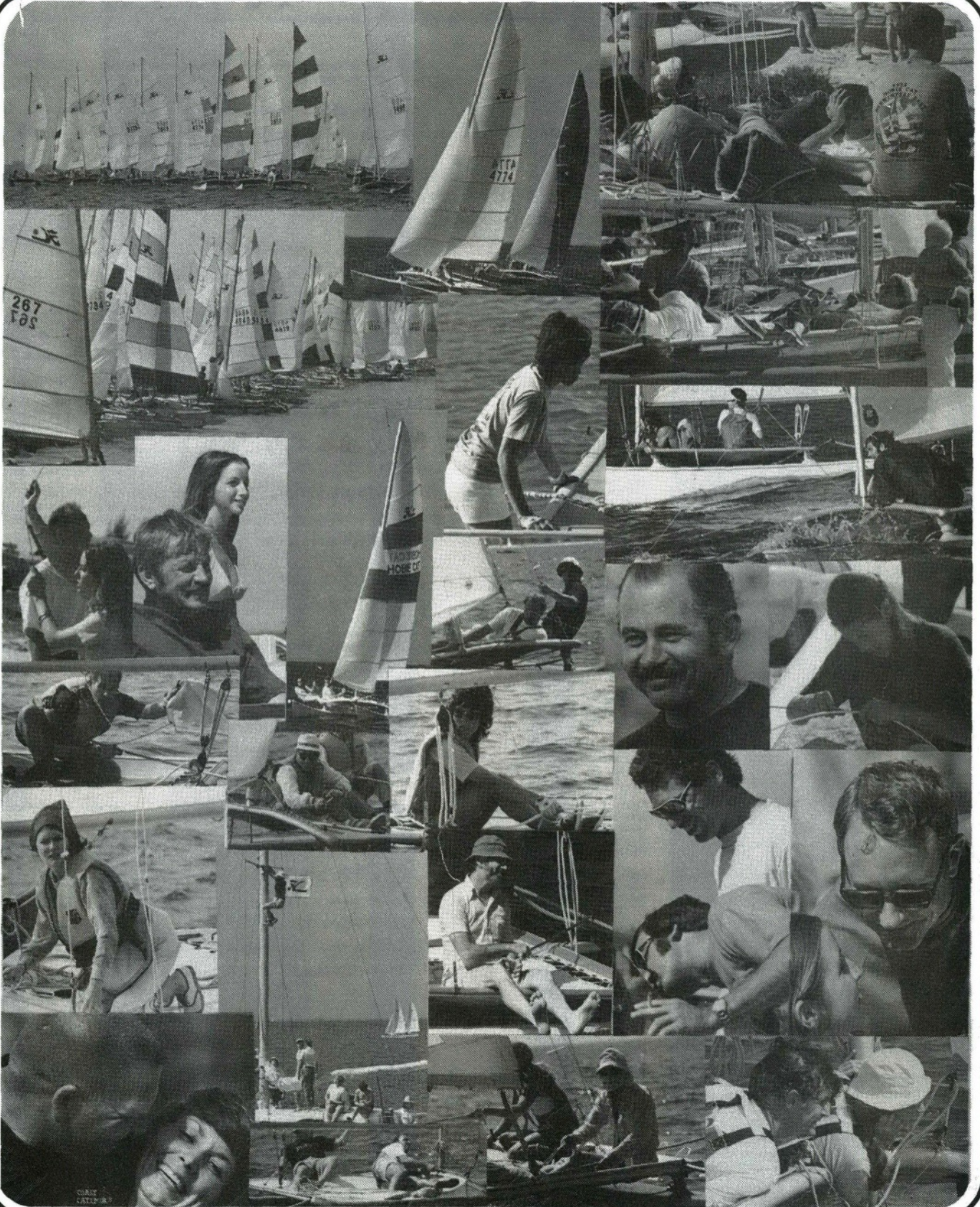
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5	Benbrook Day Sail	6 Lake Benbrook Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
5	Fleet 64 Spring Series	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 64 Lewis Thompson 512/452-0434
5	Spring Series	8 Jacksonville Florida	Fleet 59 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086
5	Florida Hobie Cat Challenge Cup	8 Clearwater Florida	Fleet 5 Harrison Noble 813/581-2260
5-6	Baker Yachts Spring Regatta	9 Lake Charles Louisiana	Lake Charles Yacht Club and Fleet 9 Allan R. Heath 318/447-1698
6	Spring Series #4	2 San Diego California	Fleet 4 Richard Jeffries 714/582-9146
6	Fleet 15 Series I	2 Oxnard California	Fleet 15 Dave Churchill 805/252-6841
6	Fleet Race	6 Meadowmere Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
6	Cat 44 Leisurely Cruise & Picnic	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888
12	Fun Sail	6 Lewisville Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
12	Fleet 64 Spring Series	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 64 Lewis Thompson 512/452-0434
12	Fleet 59 Regatta	8 Jacksonville Florida	Fleet 59 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086
12	Le Club's Ft. Lauderdale Cat Day Hobie Cat Celebrity Race	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888
12-13	Fifth Annual La Jolla Invitational	2 La Jolla California	Pacific Southwest Marine Joe Neale 714/224-2417
12-13	DRYA One Design Invitational	10 Grosse Pointe Michigan	Pete Begle 313/779-2145
12-13	First Annual Lake Powell Spring Regatta	5 Lake Powell Arizona	Desert Sails Bernard Weiler 602/968-5551
12-13	Elephant Butte Regatta	5 Conchas Lake New Mexico	Fleet 48 Leroy Wilson 505/255-2478
13	Fleet Race	6 Meadowmere Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436

Date	Event	Division -Location	Sponsor	Date	Event	Division -Location	Sponsor
13	Second Blackledge Race	8 Miami Florida	Fleet 36 John Hogg 305/233-7042	16-17	First Annual Eastern Hobie Invitational	8 Clearwater Florida	Fleet 5 Harrison Noble 813/581-2260
19	Fleet 64 Spring Series	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 64 Lewis Thompson 512/452-0434	16-17	CRAM Regatta	10 Boyne City Michigan	CRAM Pete Begle 313/779-2145
19	Caladesi Island Fleet Regatta	8 Dunedin Florida	Fleet 5 Harrison Noble 813/581-2260	17	Rockport Reservoir Regatta	5 Wanship Utah	Fleet 67 Pam Harvey 801/266-6706
19	DRYA Regatta	10 Lake St. Clair Michigan	Pete Begle 313/779-2145	17	Fleet Race	6 Lake Meadowmere Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
19-20	Newport Spring Regatta	2 Newport Beach California	Fleet 2 Alfred Egan 714/675-8988 714/540-3605 Ext. 44	17	MSA Spring Series	6 Galveston Bay Texas	MSA John Gonnerman 713/526-0545
19-20	Fleet 63 Regatta	6 Norman Oklahoma	Warren Pierce 405/364-1823	20	Spring Series	8 Jacksonville Florida	Fleet 59 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086
19-20	Adventure Yachts Sheraton Bel-Aire Regatta	8 St. Petersburg Florida	Adventure Yachts/ Sheraton Bel-Air Charles Hayward 813/343-1571	20	CRAM Regatta	10 Kent Lake Michigan	CRAM Pete Begle 313/779-2145
19-20	Baker Yachts Sprng Regatta II	9 Hilton Head South Carolina	Baker Yachts John Baker 912/236-5741 912/355-1475	26	Fleet 64 Spring Series	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 64 Lewis Thompson 512/452-0434
19-20	Fleet 52 Open Spring Series	11 Gunpowder State Park Maryland	Fleet 52 Jim Glanden 302/368-9514	26-27	Third Annual Fleet 35 Open Regatta	8 Pensacola Florida	Fleet 35 John Bowman 904/455-2653
19-20	Candlewood Lake Regatta	12 Brookfield Connecticut	Candlewood East Beach Club and Fleet 31 John L. Lobdell 203/775-2253	26-27	Second Annual Memorial Day Regatta	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888
20	MSA Spring Series	6 Galveston Bay Texas	MSA John Gonnerman 713/526-0545	26-28	Fleet 69 Memorial Day Weekend Regatta	2 Lake Mohave Nevada	Fleet 69 Dave Boyle 714/548-7020
3	Second Lake Tarpon Regatta	8 Lake Tarpon Florida	Fleet 5 Harrison Noble 813/581-2260	26-28	Fleet 72 Regatta	4 Vancouver Washington	Fleet 72 John Rueter 503/228-9847
3	CRAM Regatta	10 St. Clair Shores Michigan	CRAM Pete Begle 313/779-2145	26-28	Utah Lake Regatta	5 Utah Lake Utah	Fleet 67 Paul MacKenzie P O Box 22A Roy, Utah
3-4	Contraband Days Regatta	6 Lake Charles Louisiana	Fleet 46 Ben Miller 318/322-3785	26-28	Conchas Lake Regatta	5 Conchas Lake New Mexico	Fleet 48 Leroy Wilson 505/255-2478
9	DRYA Regatta	10 Grosse Pointe Michigan	Pete Begle 313/779-2145	26-28	Memorial Day Campout	6 Lake Texoma Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
9-10	Conchas Lake Regatta	5 Conchas Lake New Mexico	Fleet 48 Leroy Wilson 505/255-2478	27	Turnback to Laga Vista Open Regatta	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 64 and Austin Yacht Club Larry Smith 512/266-1336
9-10	Utah Lake Regatta	5 Utah Lake Utah	Fleet 67 Paul MacKenzie P O Box 22A Roy, Utah	27	Bar-B-Que & Fun Race	8 Miami Florida	Fleet 36 John Hogg 305/233-7042
9-10	Third Annual Hobie Fireball Regatta	8 Shell Point Florida	Fleet 43 & Apalachee Bay Yacht Club Stephen Smith 904/877-9470	JUNE			
9-10	Savannah Beach to Hilton Head Race & Return	9 Savannah Beach Georgia	Baker Yachts John Baker 912/236-5741 912/355-1475	2	DRYA Regatta	10 St. Clair Michigan	Pete Begle 313/779-2145
9-10	El Coronado Open	11 Wildwood Crest New Jersey	Center City Hobie Cat Buck Fleming 215/284-2224	2-3	Wind 'N Sea Regatta	2 Dana Point California	Wind 'N Sea Restaurant Jim Pfeifer 714/496-1251
10	Series I	2 Oxnard California	Fleet 15 Dave Churchill 805/259-0000 805/252-6841	3	Fleet 15 Series I	2 Oxnard California	Fleet 15 Dave Churchill 805/252-6841
10	Weekender Race	8 Miami Florida	Fleet 36 John Hogg 305/233-7042	3	Fleet Race	6 Meadowmere Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
10	Sail Boats, Inc. Regatta	10 Mt. Clemens Michigan	Sail Boats, Inc. Lolly Boston 313/468-1488	3	Fun Races & Bar-B-Que	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888
16	Moonlight Sail	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888	3	Mug Race	8 Unknown	Fleet 59 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086
16-17	Edgmont Key-Tampa Bay Regatta	8 Tampa Bay Florida	Fleet 39 Lloyd Molby 813/922-9667 813/922-9424	17	Fleet Race	8 Ft. Lauderdale Florida	Fleet 44 Port Tack 305/523-0888
				23	DRYA Regatta	10 St. Clair Michigan	Pete Begle 313/779-2145

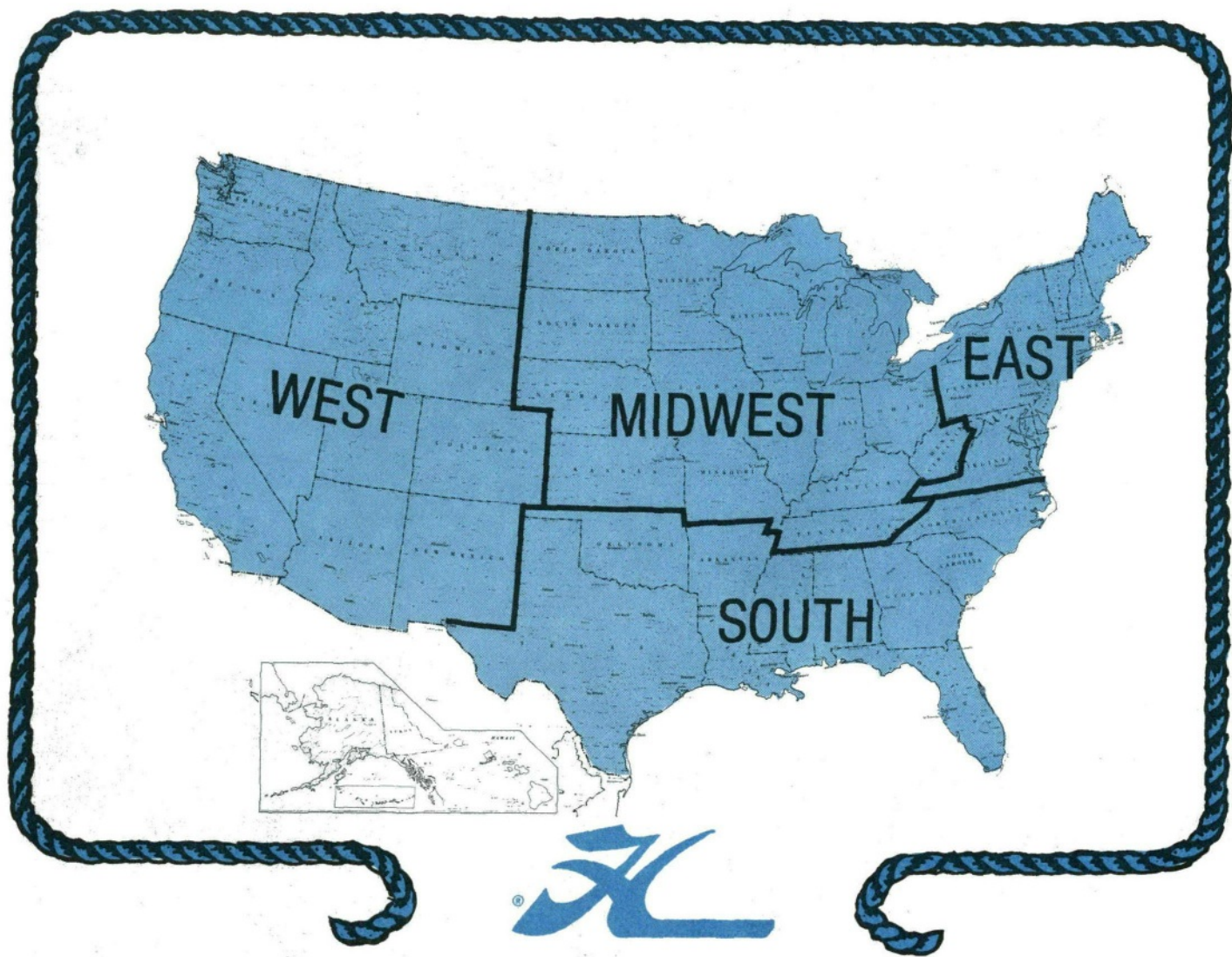
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Midwinters East



Midwinters West





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1973 Championship Regattas

We are rapidly approaching the 1973 sailing season and are finalizing plans for this year's major regatta. A few changes are being made which we would like to explain now so everyone understands the system.

Most of you know that the country is divided into thirteen regions for the purpose of mailing information and organizational purposes. Each year we have had regional championships as a means of getting all skippers of the area together and as a method of qualifying for the Nationals.


This year the method of qualifying for the Nationals has been modified slightly. We will again have the regional championship regatta and will qualify the top Hobie 14 and top Hobie 16 skipper from each region directly into the A-Fleet at the respective Nationals. The regionals will be held sometime in late June or early July.

Following the regionals will be a "district" championship. There will be four district championships; the east, south, midwest and west. Refer to the map to see which district you are in. The district championships will be held in August and will be sponsored by Coast Catamaran on a scale approaching a national championship. The top six skipper in Hobie 14 and Hobie 16 will qualify for the A-Fleets. We are trying to select sites which are central to each district so that everyone has an equal chance to attend.

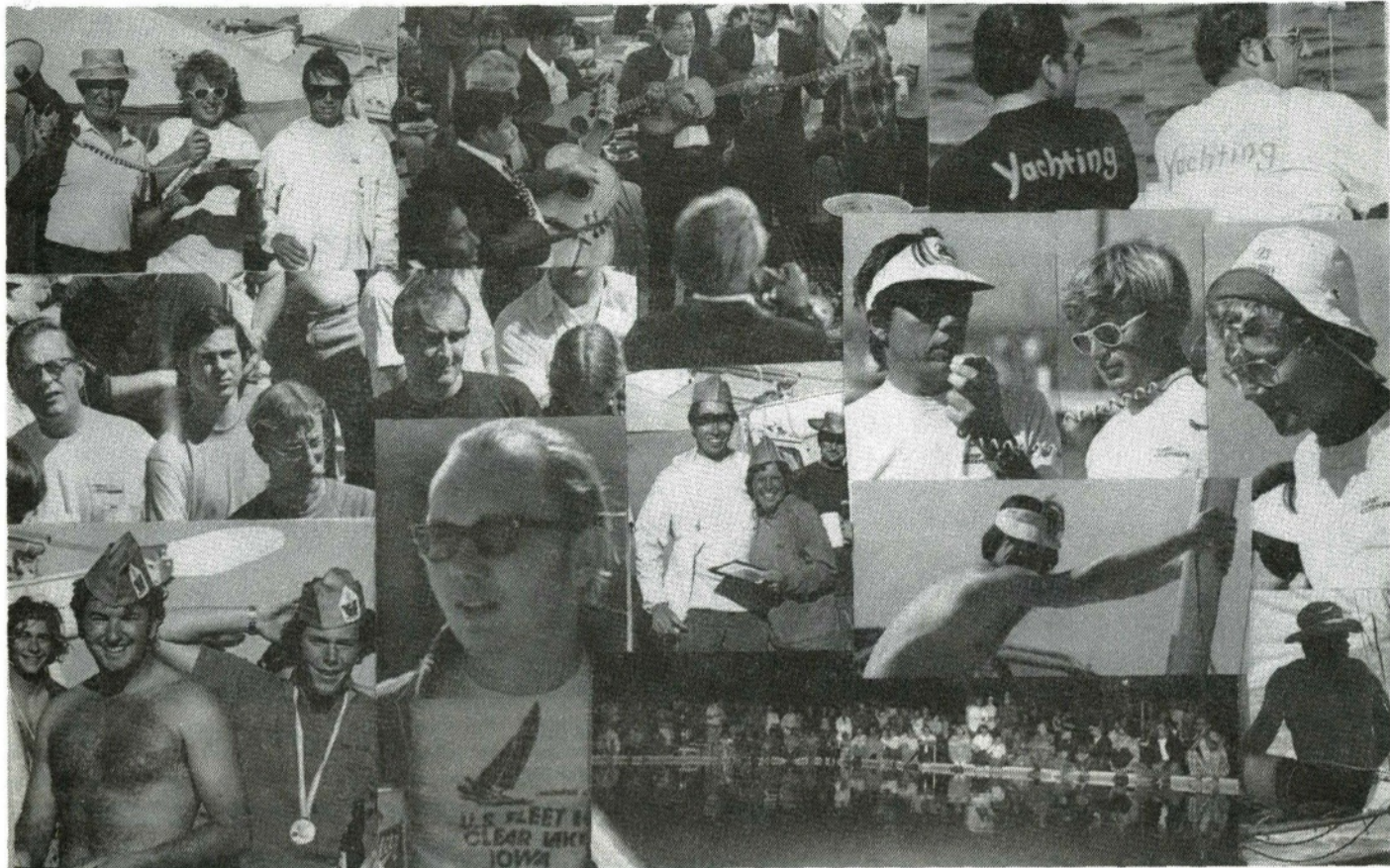
Hawaii and the West Indies will each qualify skippers for the A-Fleets from their regional championship regattas because of the inconvenience and expense they would have to incur to participate in a district championship. Hawaii will qualify three skippers into each National A-Fleet and Division 13 (the Caribbean, Bahamas and West Indies) will qualify two.

The 1972 National champion will automatically qualify for the A-Fleet making a total of 41 pre-qualified skippers going into the Nationals. That leaves 9 spots to be filled by a qualifying series immediately preceding the Nationals. All skippers who do not qualify to sail in the A-Fleet will compete in the B-Fleet.

The National championships are going to be in the early fall—sometime from mid-September to early October. Plans are to hold the Hobie 16 Nationals in the east and the Hobie 14 Nationals in the West.

As soon as we have information on exact locations and dates for each of these major regattas, we will let you know so you can make your plans. We expect to be able to announce our preliminary plans and further details in next month's Hotline .

Keith Fuller, Race Coordinator



Upper left to lower right: Awards Committee for Midwinters West, Mariachi band, Yachting Magazine team, Solemn Faces East, guess who and crew, H. Alter, K. Fuller, prayerful winner, R. B. Alexander

and Gary, Paul "Winnebago" Hansen, Eastern Movies, Chris Christensen.

April, May, June Regatta Schedule

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Date	Event	Division -Location	Sponsor
23	Tamco Marine, Inc. Regatta	12 Buffalo New York	Tamco Marine, Inc Joe Fraunheim 716/876-5944
23	Emilio's Ski & Surf Shop	12 Long Island New York	Emilio's Ski & Surf Shop Winifred Brewer 516/796-1565
23-24	Nostalgia Regatta	2 Long Beach California	Bay Sailing Assoc. Bill Butler 714/496-2756
23-24	Willard Bay Regatta	5 Willard Bay Utah	Fleet 67 Paul MacKenzie P O Box 22A Roy, Utah
23-24	Herron Lake Regatta	5 Herron Lake New Mexico	Fleet 48 Leroy Wilson 505/255-2478
23-24	Arlington Yacht Club Regatta	6 Lake Arlington Texas	Arlington Yacht Club Larry Moore 817/267-1436
23-24	Fourth Annual Ocean Pines Regatta Open	11 Ocean Pines Maryland	Fleet 54 John Flanigan 301/821-5217

Date	Event	Division -Location	Sponsor
24	Spring Series	8 Jacksonville Florida	Fleet 57 John Holmes, Jr. 904/246-4086
24	Bar-B-Que & Fun Race	8 Miami Florida	Fleet 37 John Hogg 305/233-7042
26-27	Turn Back Regatta	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 23 Larry Moore 817/267-1436
30	Fleet Five Family Regatta	8 Clearwater Florida	Fleet 5 Harrison Noble 813/581-2260
30	Pocono Sailing Regatta	11 Lake Wallenpaupack Pennsylvania	Sports Chalet & Ski Shop Joseph Dolgos 215/433-0090
30 July 1	Governor's Cup Open Regatta	6 Austin Texas	Fleet 64 & Austin Yacht Club Larry Smith 512/266-1336
30- July 1	Second Annual Hobie	8 W. Palm Beach Florida	Fleet 34 Pat Rafter 305/582-0282
30- July 2	Leech Lake Regatta III	7 Walker Minnesota	Sports Craft, Inc. Gary Trimble 218/547-1727

Midwinters West

HOBIE CAT 14

POSITION	A FLEET NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Howard Spruit Santa Cruz, CA	12345	3/4	3/4	(2)	2	3 1/2
2.	Don Snyder Santa Cruz, CA	2345	3	2	(4)	3/4	5 3/4
3.	Jimmy Wood Long Beach, CA	2061	2	3	3/4	(4)	5 3/4
4.	Bob Schwinck Long Beach, CA	32	4	(5)	3	3	10
5.	Terry Haake Tustin, CA	3556	5	4	(6)	6	15
6.	Andy Parker Albuquerque, NM	5187	(6)	6	5	5	16
7.	John Sockrell Van Nuys, CA	406	(7)	DNS	7	DNS	21

B FLEET

1.	Donald F. Dally San Diego, CA	2433	3/4	(3)	3/4	2	3 1/2
2.	Dick Tex Rancho Cordova, CA	1352	3	(DNS)	2	3/4	5 3/4
3.	Alan Raphael Phoenix, AZ	4541	2	3/4	3	(4)	5 3/4
4.	Amos Lafon Long Beach, CA	7328	(4)	2	4	3	9

C FLEET

1.	Thomas Tomter Wilwaukee, WI	5586	3/4	(2)	3/4	3/4	2 1/4
2.	Mac Wright Torrance, CA	4545	2	3/4	(3)	2	4 3/4
3.	Russ Wright Atascadero, CA	6445	(DNS)	DNS	2	3	10
4.	Gail Millhouse San Diego, CA	3459	3	(DNS)	4	4	11
5.	Patricia Whitlow Denver, CO	5507	(5)	DNS	DNS	DNS	15

HOBIE CAT 16

A FLEET

1.	Joe Neale Edie Neale San Diego, CA	5160	(7)	3	3	3/4	6 3/4
2.	Wayne Schafer Brian Brown Capistrano Beach, CA	315	2	(4)	2	4	8
3.	Edwin Mabie Alice Verger Capitola, CA	1633	3/4	6	(4)	2	8 3/4
4.	Hobie Alter Nancy Alter Capistrano Beach, CA	36	5	(7)	3/4	5	10 3/4
5.	Bob Beauchamp Noble Warrum Corona del Mar, CA	1400	3	(9)	5	3	11
6.	Dick Beauchamp Jim Oberg Corona del Mar, CA	2	(DSQ-A)	3/4	6	8	14 3/4
7.	Barrie Qualle Suzi Snyder Hughson, CA	2164	4	(10)	7	7	18
8.	Jerry Metzler Alan Walti Corona del Mar, CA	2166	10	2	(11)	6	18
9.	Jerry King Dan Harris Newport Beach, CA	2414	6	5	8	(11)	19
10.	Danny Lenahan Bill Carr Seal Beach, CA	1831	8	(DNF)	10	9	27
11.	Rich Jeffries Karen Jeffries San Diego, CA	1902	(11)	8	9	10	27
12.	Steve Grimshaw Gary Clark Corona del Mar	144	(12)	11	12	12	35
13.	Sam Cleakley Virginia Bleakley Modesto, CA	344	(13)	12	13	13	38
14.	Bill Messenger Lucy Semeniuk Newport Beach, CA	1694	(DNF)	DNF	DNS	DNS	42

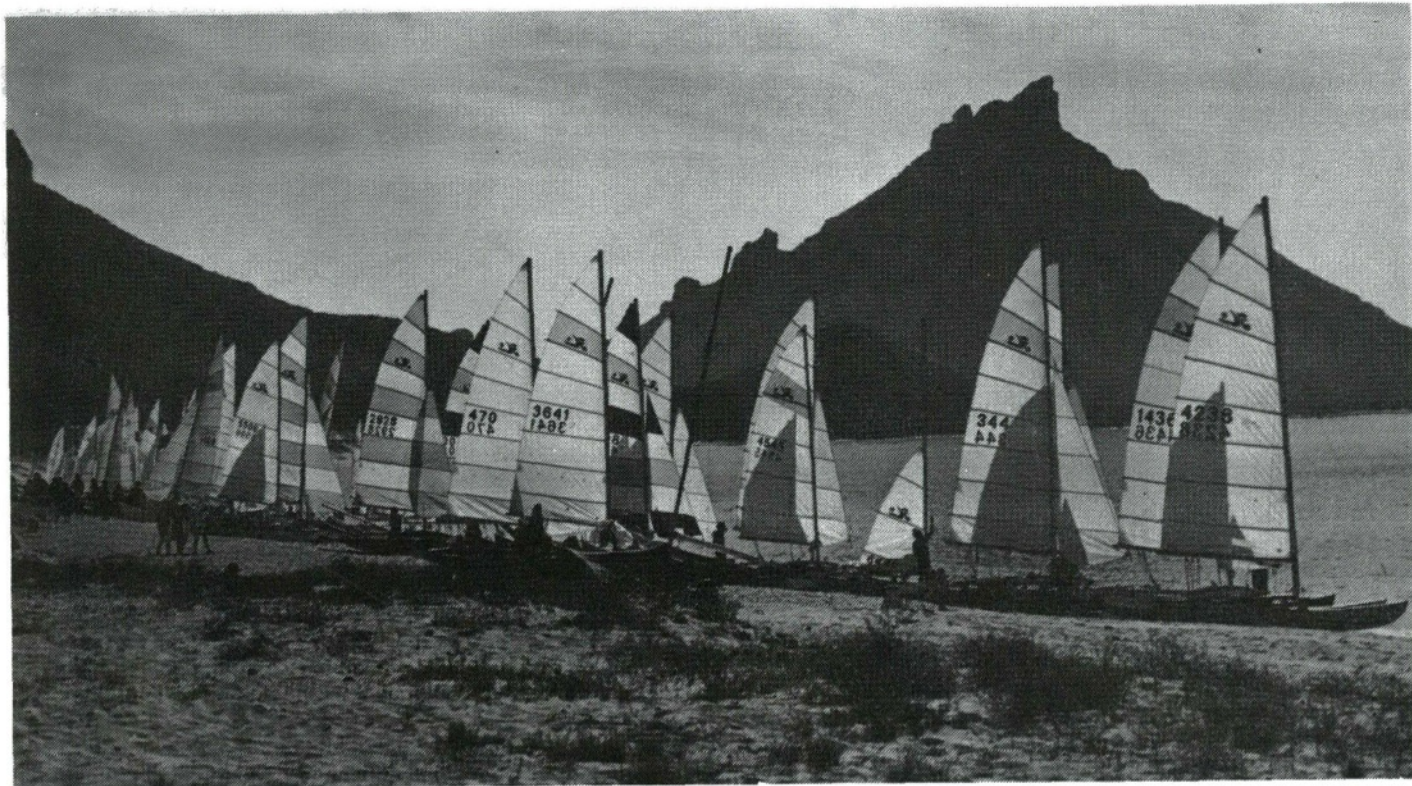
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1.	Don Oltmans Dale R. Braegger Marina del Rey, CA	1819	(2)	3/4	2	3/4	3 1/2
2.	Von Mullen The Fly Doug Mihoky	00	(3)	3	3/4	2	5 3/4
3.	Dave Johnson San Diego, CA	2453	3/4	2	(10)	3	5 3/4
4.	Terry Smith Sean Moore Pacific Beach, CA	345	4	4	(7)	4	12

POSITION	NAME	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	TOTAL POINTS
5.	R. B. Alexander Gary & Sam Hill Newport Beach, CA	0	6	6	4	(9)	16
6.	Dude Dudley Cowboy Hunter San Mateo, CA	2074	7	5	5	(8)	17
7.	John Hauser Barbara Gillespie Huntington Beach, CA	4328	9	(DNF)	3	5	17
8.	Wendell Maberry Dick Raines Costa Mesa, CA	1723	(10)	8	6	6	20
9.	Ridge Eagan Linda Eagan Modesto, CA	2928	5	9	9	(10)	23
10.	Paul Collins Carol Hill Capistrano Beach	374	11	7	(12)	7	25
11.	Ron Phipps Sandy Phipps Fresno, CA	1265	8	(DNS)	8	11	27
12.	Philip Hernandez Joanne Hernandez Huntington Beach, CA	1832	(12)	10	11	12	33

C FLEET

1.	Byron Watson Beverly Watson Dana Point, CA	4238	3/4	(8)	2	3/4	3 1/2
2.	David Crocker Tommy Head Los Angeles, CA	2279	2	(6)	3/4	3	5 3/4
3.	Ralph Sarver Ray Weismann Long Beach, CA	4138	(17)	3/4	3	4	7 3/4
4.	Paul Hart Bill Thomas San Clemente, CA	1650	3	2	4	(8)	9
5.	Gary Pitts John Christianson Santa Rosa, CA	2916	5	11	(11)	2	18
6.	Don Omans Jim Omans Albuquerque, NM	1987	(20)	3	8	10	21
7.	Jim Carlson Terry Loomis San Diego, CA	1540	(22)	5	12	5	22
8.	Sam Palmitier Jerry Legonton Corona del Mar, CA	4471	6	(DNS)	10	11	27
9.	Ralph Chester W. Whitlock Orange, CA	2911	4	10	(18)	14	28
10.	Don Preston Joan Preston El Centro, CA	4749	(23)	13	6	9	28
11.	Dick Cotter Joan Cotter Wheatridge, CO	1436	12	(DNS)	9	7	28
12.	Larry Well Vicki Webb Phoenix, AZ	4951	8	14	7	(20)	29
13.	Steve McDowell Bob Ruder Vail, CO	3191	9	(DNS)	5	16	30
14.	Rudy Jasenink Buzz Staats San Diego, CA	2641	13	12	(14)	13	38
15.	John Taylor Ed O'Neil Del Mar, CA 92014	99	16	DNF	(17)	6	38
16.	Rett Summerville Dave Bellaros Victorville, CA	2824	14	7	19	(19)	40
17.	John Mabry David Scully Glendale, CA	4701	15	4	21	(DNS)	40
18.	George Mabie Carlson A. Theodore San Jose, CA	247	11	15	15	(18)	41
19.	Dave Spencer John Portz Corona del Mar, CA	1809	21	9	(22)	12	42
20.	Mike Circle George Adkins San Diego, CA	850	10	(DNS)	16	DNS	51
21.	Randy Johnson Georgia Johnson Lakewood, CO	4257	19	(DNS)	13	21	53
22.	Steve Bergman George Stateham Casper, WY	3051	7	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	57
23.	Mike Skee Dave Snyder Anaheim, CA	1947	24	(DNS)	20	15	59
24.	Terry Neale Dave Hunt Coronado, CA	101	18	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	69
25.	Erich Kessler Tullon, AZ	4683	DNS	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	75



Beach scene between races at the Western Midwinter Regatta, Catch 22 Beach, Guaymas, Mexico. This is a beautiful white curving beach stretching for miles around a picturesque bay ringed with jagged

volcanic peaks. This Regatta has become quite popular with western and midwestern Hobie skippers.

Midwinters West Guaymas, Mexico—February 17 & 18

The first Hobie regatta of the 1973 continental US season, the Midwinters West was held at San Carlos, Mexico on the Mike Nichols "Catch 22" movie location site. This was the third year for this popular event at this location. Ask anyone that made the scene, it gets better each year. The water is warmer, the sky is bluer, and the air is clearer, natives are friendlier and most of all this year there was plenty of wind before and during the regatta.

Many contestants and wives arrived early and enjoyed carefree days of fun races, land sailing, seeing the sights and sounds of this central Mexican coastal area. San Carlos, the resort area near the regatta site has become the retirement and winter vacation mecca for many Americans. Each year groups come out to the Catch 22 site and join in the Hobie fun. Volunteers for committee work were plentiful and they thoroughly enjoyed the excitement and color of the eighty some colorful Hobies flying around the blue water of the Sea of Cortez. This livens up for them what probably becomes a pretty boring but pleasant winter retreat. Large parties of retirees and vacationers enjoy the shrimp and fish fry held on Saturday evening. Fun races with Le Mans starts and finishes using offshore islands for marks made exciting days during the week prior to the regatta. The wind for two days blew so hard that the bay was abandoned and land sailors were put to use. Racing around set marks against the clock, the 5,000 foot runway constructed for the movie "Catch 22" made a nice reach up towards the mountain, around a beer can and back to the beach starting line, flying wheels instead of flying hulls, a few capsize at 30 MPH, but no injuries. This site lacks all of the amenities expected for a Hobie regatta site. No water, electricity, beachside restaurants, hotel rooms, etc. What it lacks in these areas, it more than makes up for in general appeal for the Hobie racing set.

Campers, vans, vacation trailers, tents and just plain sleeping bags on the sand is the thing. Excellent motel accommodations are available in San Carlos, six miles along the coast or twelve miles to the modern city of

Guaymas, offering all of the accommodations and conveniences necessary to support a seaport community of over 70,000 population.

Water was delivered daily in five-gallon glass jugs, deluxe toilet facilities were prepared by the staff of the Hobie Newport office.

By Friday evening everyone had arrived and were ready for a great regatta with eighty-three boats and contestants from as far away as Colorado and Michigan filling out all of the classes for the starting line-up Saturday. Winds were moderate to strong for the first race, but picked up in the afternoon to blow 18 to 20 MPH. After a long second race involving many capsize and a dismasting, the committee decided to call off the third race of the day, a decision no one objected to. This gave the skippers and crews time to relax and enjoy a Mexican refreshment before the Guaymas shrimp, fish and Mexican feed.


The regular mariachi band plus three new members gave a great concert before, during and after the dinner and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Sunday started off with a bang about 4:00 a.m., the line at the prepared toilet facilities was abandoned for just any spot in the brush. And again Montezuma had his revenge.

The committee had a difficult decision to make, whether to lay out the days course near the beach in case of emergencies or hang a roll of "t.p." on each mark.

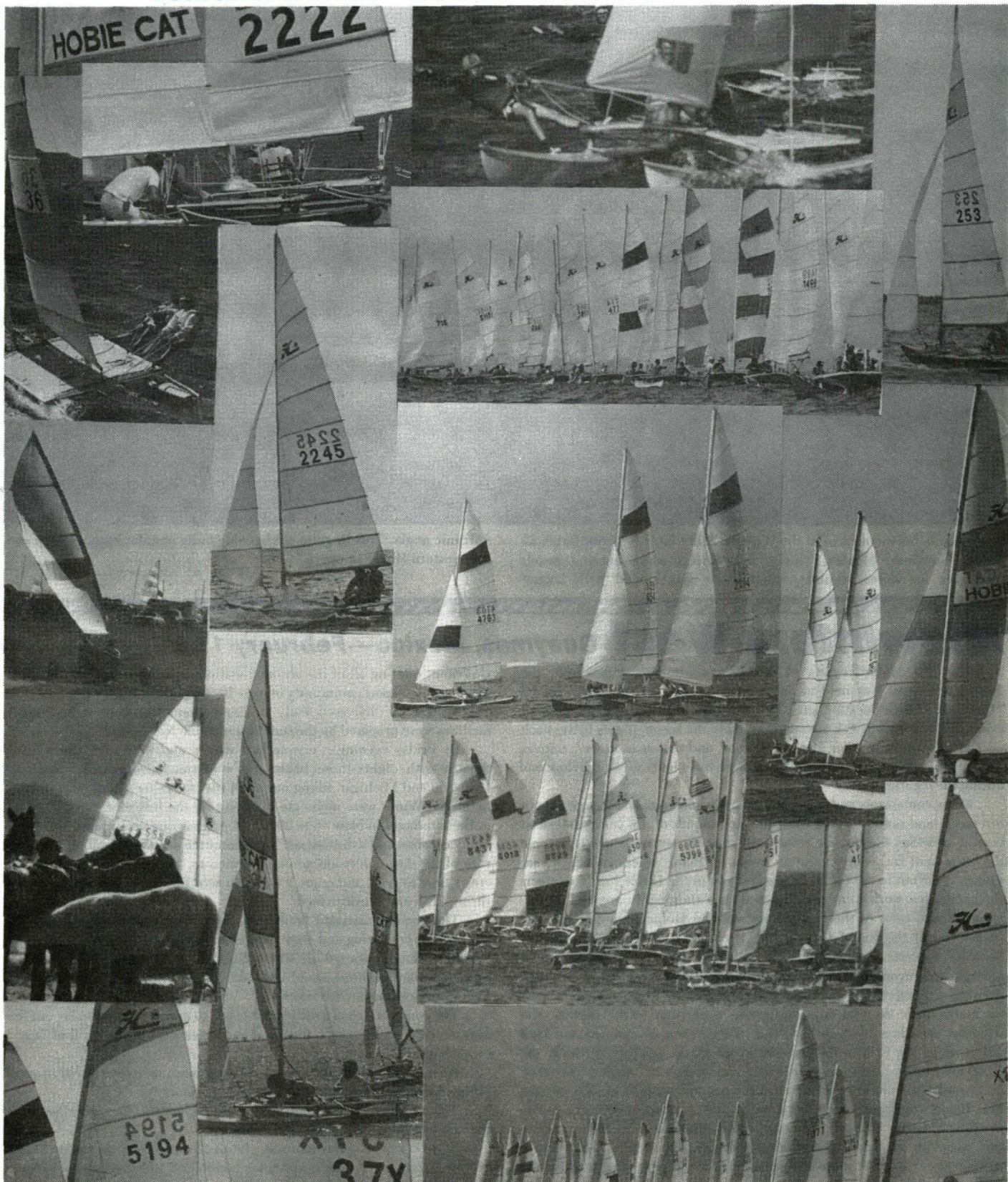
By noon the crisis had passed and two more races were held in good Hobie double trapeze wind and a smooth sparkling sea.

The awards included foil trophies and GI barracks caps inscribed with the name of the event and the place winner.

By 8:00 a.m. Monday morning almost all of the fleet of campers, vans, Hobies, land sailors, trailers and tents had folded and stolen away to leave this deserted stretch of beautiful beach and sea until I am sure, another Hobie Midwinter Regatta next year.

Sponsors: Coast Catamaran, Club De Yates De Guaymas, A.C. and Hobie Newport 

Midwinter Sails East and West



3,000 miles of Hobie Sails from the Sea of Cortez to Tampa Bay. No one Design Fleet is as well represented coast to coast as is the Hobie Cat. Upper left, Hobie and Nancy Alter demonstrate double trapeze

style. Top, two finishers at Guaymas. Left margin, sand sailor flying a wheel. Lunch time and miscellaneous starting scenes and sailing photos East and West.



The start of a 16 Fleet at Apollo Beach, Tampa Bay, Florida, Midwin-
ters. Saturday's air was light, Sunday picked up to a single trapeze

breeze; surprisingly good starts were made by both 14 and 16 Fleets.

SENIORS OLYMPIC YACHTING COMPETITION

Plans are in the formulating stage for the First Seniors Olympic Yachting Competition to be held in Long Beach Harbor July 28-29. This regatta will precede the opening regatta of the Long Beach Sea Festival by one week. This should make a great Hobie ten days for a Hobie family vacation and is the reason for this early announcement, so that vacations can be requested around these dates.

The Seniors Olympic Sports International will be enjoying their fourth year of competition this year. This event has grown by leaps and bounds in the sports world to include track, field, bicycling, wrestling, badminton, tennis, winter sports, swimming, diving, sculls, gymnastics and 30 like competitive team and individual sports.

This will be the first year for a sailing event and your committee has cornered it for the Hobie 14s or 16s. Competition is open to anyone male or female 25 or older who owns a Hobie or who can arrange the use of a boat for this weekend.

As in all Senior Olympics scoring is based on five to ten year age groups depending on the event and in the case of the sailing event, the number of entries in each age group.

Trophies will be awarded on this basis in both mens and womens division. There will be a common start and scoring will be based on finishing orders for each age group, and each size Hobie.

This promises to be a fun event for the over 25 enthusiast with the kids sitting out this one while Dad has his go with the family boat.

Over 3,000 contestants entered the 1972 Senior Olympic games, coming from almost all of the 50 states and six foreign countries. Age is no barrier to competition in any event with contestants over 60 years old competing in the marathon, Buster Crabbe of Tarzan fame comes out from his home in New York to compete in swimming events at the age of 65. Launching for the sailing event will take place at Bay Sailing, Appian Way at Bayshore, Belmont Shores or the foot of Cherry Avenue, Long Beach. The series will consist of two races each day back to back with the location of the trophy awards to be announced at a later date. In addition to Olympic trophies, trophies will be awarded to the contestant travelling the greatest distance. The oldest contestant and a Senior's Olympics perpetual trophy for first over all.

Delegates for the 1973 Senior Olympics Sailing event are popular senior Hobie enthusiasts and 14 skippers from Southern California: Dr. John Ross-Duggan, Everett Baggs, and Dan Tubbs.

The Committee is made up of Seniors skippers attending the 1972 World Championship: Gaulden Reed, Florida, U.S.A.; Phillip Drips, Agana, Guam; Ken Frances, Papua, New Guinea; Jack Morosin, Brooklyn,


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This promises to be an exciting regatta for adult Hobie skippers
without all of the stiff competition from the younger set. Of course, we still
have Wayne Schafer and Hobie Alter to contend with, but they will only
stand to win one place in their own age group and this will leave a lot of
trophies for everyone in their age group.

The Long Beach Sea Festival Committee has planned a lot of
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age level for a team of athletes. All entrants will receive a
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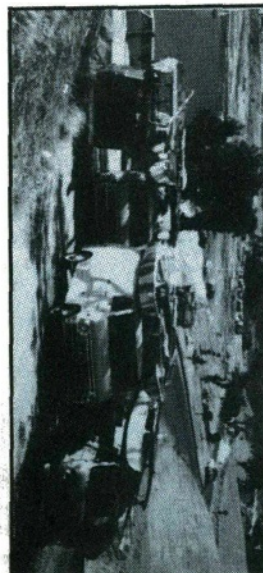
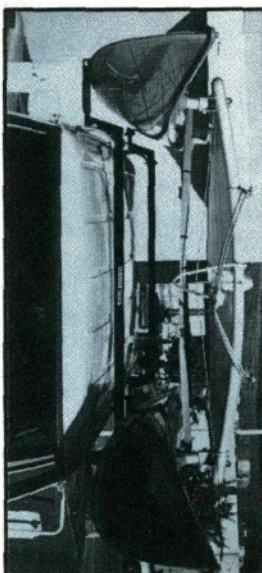
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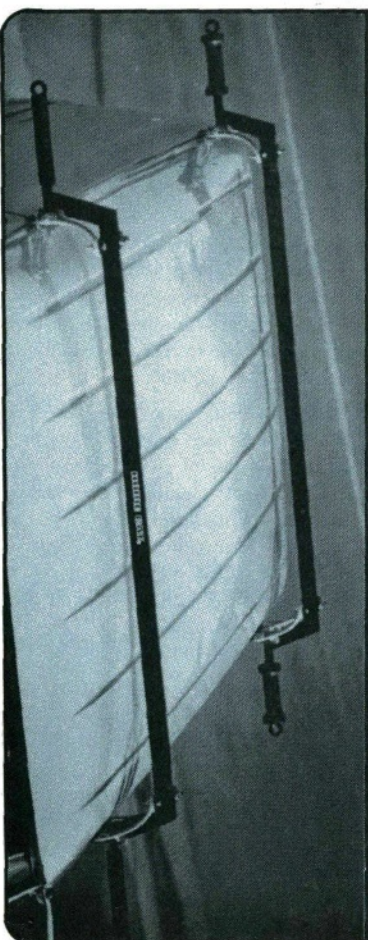
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